Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jo Denind began her 23 years of employment with the state of South Dakota on July 17, 1982, with the Department of Health and has worked for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the last 5 years; and,

Whereas, Jo worked for 18 years on the "front line" for the Department of Health, meeting and assisting at least 30,000 South Dakota citizens with Department of Health programs, which included flu clinics, Baby Care, Family Planning, and the Bright Start programs; and,

Whereas, For the past 5 years, Jo has been the star coordinator and point-woman for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Rapid City office, working with area citizens and industries involved with the Oil and Gas, Solid and Hazardous Waste, Drinking Water, Ground and Surface Water, and Geological Survey programs; and,

Whereas, Jo's efforts have benefited the citizens of South Dakota by being a most gracious and kind employee, always handling her job responsibilities with poise, patience, and calm; and,

Whereas, Jo has served as a leader and an example to coworkers and peers, being a woman of integrity, dedication, grace, and supreme organizational skills; and,

Whereas, Jo is the ultimate organizer of office potlucks, green thumb for the office vegetation, treat provider, and finder of missing oil and gas files; and,

Whereas, Jo has decided to leave state government so she can travel and spend more well deserved time with her friends and family; and,

Whereas, Jo will be sorely missed by her friends and coworkers in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and other departments in state government:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating her on this well-earned retirement, and wishing her a long, healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State